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This is a reply to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006 setting a three (3) month period for response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.